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SUBJECT: VISIT TO SEISMOLOGICAL OBSERVATORY

1. MR WILLIAM GREEN AND MR. IJON PETERSON OF US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY'S OFFICE OF EARTHQUAKE STUDIES ARE PLANNING TO VISIT SEVERAL SEISMOLOGICAL OBSERVATORIES IN AFRICA IN CONNECTION WITH A PROGRAM TO UPGRADE SELECTED STATIONS OF THE WORLD-WIDE STANDARDIZED SEISMOGRAPH (WWSS) NETWORK. GREEN AND PETERSON WOULD LIKE TO VISIT THE SEISMOLOGICAL OBSERVATORY NEAR BANGUI WHICH IS OPERATED BY THE FRENCH OFFICE DE LA RECHERCHE ET TECHNIQUE OUTRE-MER (O.J.S.T.O.M.). THEY CAN ARRANGE TO BE IN BANGUI DURING THE WEEK OF 3 MARCH. USGS WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY CONTACTING CENTRE O.R.S.T.O.M. DE BANGUI, B.P. 893, BANGUI AND ADVISE IF A VISIT TO THE BANGUI OBSERVATORY CAN BE ARRANGED.

2. USGS OFFICE OF EARTHQUAKE STUDIES SPONSORS THE WWSS NETWORK OF 115 OBSERVATORIES AND OPERATES THE NATIONAL EARTHQUAKES INFORMATION SERVICE (NEIS) WHICH PUBLISHES INFORMATION ON EARTHQUAKES OCCURRING THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. THE BANGUI OBSERVATORY IS NOT PART OF THE WWSS NETWORK BUT COOPERATES WITH THE USGS BY SENDING EARTHQUAKE READINGS RECORDED AT BANGUI TO THE NEIS. THE OBSERVATORY AT BANGUI IS CONSIDERED TO BE ONE OF THE BEST

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IN AFRICA.

3. IF AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE IS RECEIVED, GREEN AND PETERSON WILL
ARRIVE BANGUI MONDAY, S3 MARCH ON JK 173 AND DEPART FRIDAY, 7
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